

Keep litter and leaves out of storm drains

Many residents do not realize the environmental impact of their daily habits. Take yard waste for example.

- In Ladue, the sanitary and storm systems are separate. If yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings, and small twigs are disposed of in a storm drain, they will make their way to a natural body of water where they threaten aquatic life and degrade water quality.

Yard waste can clog inlets, leading to street and yard flooding.

What is a Storm Drain or Inlet?

Storm drains or inlets prevent flooding by draining rainwater and melted snow off of streets and other paved surfaces. They can be found on urban and suburban streets, often at corners and on the sides of curbs. Area inlets can be located along streets or on private properties in drainage easements. Drains or inlets on the street itself are grated to prevent debris from entering. In much of the St. Louis area, stormwater does not go to the wastewater treatment plant. Instead, it is released into the environment along with any pollutants picked up along the way.

You can help!

Remember - if it is on the ground, it is in our water.

- Never allow yard waste to be washed down or put into storm drains.
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks clean. Remove debris and residue that could end up in a storm drain from concrete and paved areas around your house.
- Do not sweep or blow grass clippings along the street or into a storm drain.

The City of Ladue thanks all our residents that help to clear these stormwater drains of debris.